

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by: (ENV)

AN ACT BANNING RETAIL USE OF PLASTIC BAGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2008) (a) On and after January
- 2 1, 2010, no retailer shall use or distribute nonbiodegradable plastic
- 3 bags for the purpose of holding products purchased by a consumer.
- 4 For the purposes of this section, "retailer" means any person who sells
- 5 goods used primarily for personal, family or household purposes to a
- 6 person who is not in the business of reselling such goods.
- 7 (b) Any retailer violating this section shall be fined not more than
- 8 two hundred dollars for the first offense and not more than one
- 9 thousand dollars for each subsequent offense. Each day that such
- 10 violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1 October 1, 2008 New section

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